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'Harmonised' Work Safety Laws Falling Over

Hi

We've been campaigning against the design of the Australian national harmonised work safety laws. The concept of harmonisation is good, but the package the Gillard government has put together is fundamentally flawed—even, we argue, [dangerous for work safety](#).

It now seems that the state governments are finding extreme difficulties with the laws. Late last week the NSW government moved to freeze implementation. NSW has adopted the new laws but has now decided *not* to implement them by the due date of 1 January 2012. Victoria and Western Australia have *not* taken up the new laws and have said they are [reviewing what they should do](#).

The South Australian parliament is currently debating whether it should adopt the new laws. We believe the proposals are *not* likely to pass the SA parliament.

We've explained how the proposed harmonised laws [need to be changed](#) if they are to have any chance of success in making work safer.

Regards

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